

**H. R. 678.**

[No Report.]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DECEMBER 19, 1848.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

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Mr. HARMANSON, from the Committee on Private Land Claims,  
reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

For the relief of Amelia Couvillion, of Louisiana.

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2      *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*  
3      *assembled, That Mrs. Amelia Couvillion, wife of Zenen*  
4      *St. Romain, be, and she is hereby, authorized to enter as*  
5      *a pre-emption, and at the minimum price of public lands,*  
6      *the area, in legal sub-divisions of one quarter section, so*  
7      *as to embrace her present actual settlement and "a cer-*  
8      *tain improvement on a piece of public land, situated in the*  
9      *parish of Avoyelles, on Bayou Des Glaises," in the State*  
10     *of Louisiana, it appearing from an official certificate, dated*  
11     *the sixteenth of October, eighteen hundred and forty-eight,*

12 of the recorder of said parish, that the said Mrs. Amelia  
13 Couvillion became the purchaser at sheriff's sale of all the  
14 right, title, and interest of her said husband in the afore-  
15 said improvement: *Provided, however*, That the right  
16 hereby allowed be subject to any valid adverse claim, if  
17 such exist, to any part of the land.